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## USDA TO COUNT TROUT IN CONN., MASS. & MAINE

The value of trout sold from operations in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine totaled \$1.2 million in 1999. There were 25 trout producers selling food size trout, stockers, fingerlings and eggs as of January 1, 2000 in the three New England states. An additional 17 hatcheries distributed fish for restoration or conservation purposes in 1999. Due to the strength of the Maine's trout industry, Maine was included in the USDA's trout statistics program for the first time in 1999. Every February, the U.S. Department of Agriculture publishes the official statistics of trout raised in the United States. In New England, the study is administered by the New England field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

**USDA's Trout Survey is the only chance to officially measure production for the 2000 season.** This annual study is part of a national program requested by the aquaculture industry to establish official USDA statistics for trout raised and sold for food, stockers, fingerlings, or eggs. This survey is funded in part by the United States Trout Growers Association. All growers in the three states will be asked for their help in this major effort to measure 2000's production. The survey is actually a census of all known operations in the selected states. If you have not received a questionnaire as of January 1, please call 1-800-642-9571 so you can be counted in this annual census of your industry!

A questionnaire is mailed in late-December and non-respondents are called in early-January. As with all surveys conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, individual information is kept strictly confidential and is even exempt from requests under the Freedom of Information Act. The individual reports are only used in combination to establish state and national estimates.

Trout statistics will be released in the joint **Catfish and Trout Production** report from Washington, D.C. at 3 p.m. on February 28, 2001. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time. Statistics for the New England states will be reprinted in the February issue of the **Ag Review**. The monthly New England **Ag Review** report is available on the Internet but complimentary copies are also mailed to survey participants upon request.

[The New England Agricultural Statistics Service is a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. It is located in Concord, NH, and is responsible for agricultural statistics in all six states in the region. The office can be reached at 1-800-642-9571 or through e-mail at [nass-nh@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-nh@nass.usda.gov). All national statistics and state level newsletters are available through free e-mail subscriptions and on the Internet at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/).]

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